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Intelligence Support for US Public Health Service

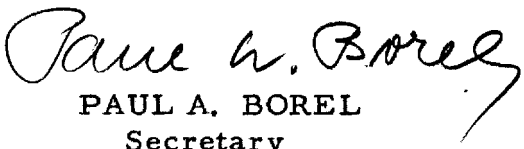
1. On 24 May, CIA notified the IAC agencies of the request of the US Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, for intelligence support and, in general, recommended that this request be honored in accordance with a procedure now in effect with respect to materials released to FCDA. (See IAC-D-20/3.)
2. The Navy, the Air Force, and the Joint Staff, have notified the Secretary that they cannot accept the proposal. Reactions stipulate that materials released should be limited to finished intelligence, that support should be given through one clearing house (CIA), that the requirements of USPHS should be more clearly defined, and that only those portions of NIE's relating to the civil defense mission of the USPHS should be considered for release by the IAC.
3. CIA is prepared to act as the clearing house for the receipt of requests from and the dissemination of intelligence to USPHS.
4. Security approved channels now exist for transmitting intelligence to the USPHS.
5. No IAC action is required regarding the release of NIE's, or portions thereof, to USPHS. NSCID 1, para. 5a, provides that the DCI shall disseminate national intelligence to "such governmental departments and agencies as the National Security Council from time to time may designate."
6. The action of the President transferring to USPHS certain civil defense responsibilities which were in part the basis for the release of national intelligence to FCDA suggests that USPHS has a right to receive selected national intelligence. However, formal NSC action is not of record authorizing the DCI to make such dissemination.

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7. Action:

- a. CIA will request USPHS to define more precisely its requirements for intelligence support. These will be checked with IAC members prior to any implementation by CIA.
- b. CIA will ascertain NSC views regarding the dissemination of national intelligence to USPHS.
- c. Subject to a and b above, CIA will provide USPHS, on a need-to-know basis, finished intelligence required by USPHS to discharge its civil defense mission.


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Secretary

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